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Orange River Colony.

Classified Reference List of "V.R.I." Issues.

By Edward J. Nankivell.

The present seems to me to be a very opportune moment to attempt a settled classification of the V.R.I. issues of the Orange River Colony. It is better to make the attempt, now while the issues are quite recent, than to leave the task till the work of correction may be rendered difficult by the lapse of time, or the removal of officials and others who can at present, if they will, supply reliable evidence and correct whatever may be wrong.

I do not profess to publish an authoritative, nor even a final list. I give only the best available list from a specialist's point of view, *pro tem.*, in the hope that it will lead to discussion, and correction where necessary, and thus pave the way for a final, comprehensive and, I trust, authoritative, reference list of V.R.I. issues of the Orange River Colony.

When the British under Lord Roberts entered Bloemfontein and took over the Government of the country they found a supply of postage stamps which they forthwith overprinted with the initials V.R.I., and put on sale.

We have at present no sufficient evidence as to the manner in which the overprinting was done. All we can say is that the first batch which reached this country was of the level stops setting, with certain varieties peculiar to that setting, and that what appeared to be another setting with raised stops followed, with varieties peculiar to that setting.

Some make up settings without end, but I prefer to simplify the reference list by adopting what I believe will be a sufficient classification of "level stops" and "raised stops," with their several and peculiar varieties, for in all probability the level stops were the first setting, followed by a re-setting of the stops into what we very correctly term raised stops. This latter setting I believe to have been retained from its first use till now, all subsequent variations being simply corrections or minor alterations in the raised stop setting.

Thus in the first setting of the raised stops received there were in the lower half of each pane several stamps with mixed stops, *i. e.*, stops in various positions, some raised and others level. These were all afterwards corrected, making each pane a correct and uniform setting of raised stops throughout.

The thick V is also apparently a minor rectification of the raised stop setting, for there were some half-dozen V's of a different fount of type which we philatelists have designated a "thick V." because the up stroke is thick as well as the down stroke. These thick V's were probably dropped in to replace letters which had been damaged in the wear and tear of printing.

Since the raised stop setting first made its appearance it has remained as the distinguishing and characteristic arrangement of the overprint. It has never once been disturbed except by way of minor corrections. There is, therefore, no reason whatever why we should further confuse an already complicated issue by designating more corrections in the setting as separate settings.

Hence, I classify the V.R.I. issues under the two main divisions of "level stops" and "raised stops," assigning to each its several and peculiar varieties.

The Orange Free State adhesives which have been overprinted "V.R.I." are as follows :—

"½d" on Half penny, yellow,	of 1897,	number surcharged	1,384,800
"1d" on Een penny, purple,	of 1894,	"	3,144,000
"2d" on Twee pence, bright lilac,	of 1883	"	1,231,200
"2½d" on Drie pence, blue,	of 1896,	"	19,200
"3d" on Drie pence, blue,	of 1883,	"	1,024,800
"4d" on Vier pence, blue,	of 1898,	"	74,000
"6d" on Zes pence, carmine,	of 1897,	"	7,200
"6d" on Zes pence, blue,	of 1900,	"	672,000
"1s" on Een shilling, brown,	of 1900,	"	439,000
"5s" on Vyf shillgs, green,	of 1879,	"	232,000

I give the numbers printed from the *Monthly Journal*, but they will probably need correction. The number surcharged of the 5s value seems most excessive.

Level Stops after "V.R.I."

The level stops settings comprises the following varieties :—

1. Level stops, normal.
2. No stop after "V" of "V.R.I."
3. No stop after "R" of "V.R.I."
4. No stop after "I" of "V.R.I."
5. Figures of value omitted.
6. Letter "d" omitted from the value.
7. Figure and letter of value omitted.
8. Letter "V" of "V.R.I." omitted.
9. Letter "I" of "V.R.I." omitted.
10. Double surcharge.
11. Large square stop.
12. Raised stop after s.

13. Slanting or shifted "d" in value.
14. Wider spacing between "1" and "d."
15. Wider spacing between "1" and "s".

1. Level stops, normal. "V.R.I."

In the first lot of stamps received all the stops were in their usual place, i.e., level with the bottoms of the letters, and they were of uniform size.

V. R. I.

2d

½d	on	½d orange
1d	"	1d purple
2d	"	2d bright lilac
2½d	"	3d blue
3d	"	3d blue
4d	"	4d blue
6d	"	6d carmine
6d	"	6d blue
1s	"	1s brown
5s	"	5s green

2. No stops after "V" of V.R.I."

The stop was omitted after the "V" of "V.R.I." in the third stamp of the bottom row of each pane. This was afterwards corrected, and during the progress of the level stops printing, for I have a bottom row of the 1d in which the stop which was missing has been inserted, but the peculiar "V" with the serif broken on the left of the downstroke, which is characteristic of the stamp with the missing stop, is in evidence on the corrected stamp.

V R. I.

2d

½d	on	½d orange
1d	"	1d purple
2d	"	2d bright lilac
2½d	"	3d blue
3d	"	3d blue
4d	"	4d blue
6d	"	6d carmine
6d	"	6d blue
1s	"	1s brown
5s	"	5s green

3. No stop after "R" of "V.R I."

This variety has been shown me by Mr. Menpes. It is included in his collection. So far as he knows it only occurs on the 1d value. Information wanting as to its position.

V. R. I.

1d

1d on 1d purple

4. No stop after "I" of V.R.I"

Information wanting as to the position of this variety.

V. R. I.

½d

½d on ½d orange

5. Figures of value omitted.
Information wanting as to the positions of these varieties.

V. R. I

d

½d on ½d orange
1d " 1d purple
6d " 6d carmine
6d " 6d blue
1s " 1s brown
5s " 5s green

6. Letter "d" omitted from the value.

Information wanting as to the position of this variety.

V. R. I.

1

1d on 1d purple

7. Figure and letter of value omitted.

This variety has been shown me by Mr. Menpes, and is included in his collection. Information wanting as to its position on the sheet.

V. R. I.

1d purple

8. Letter "V" of "V.R.I." omitted.

Information wanting as to the position of this variety.

R. I.

1d

1d on 1d purple
6d " 6d blue

9. Letter "I" of "V.R.I." omitted.

Information wanting as to the position of this variety.

V. R. 1d	½d on ½d orange 1d " 1d purple

10. Double surcharge.

I have not seen a satisfactory copy of this variety, but it is catalogued by Gibbons. Collectors should be careful to accept nothing as a double surcharge that is not clearly two *separate* printings of the surcharge on the stamp. In rapid or careless printing the paper sometimes shifts as the press closes, and a smudgy sort of double impression results. This is in no sense a double surcharge, but it is frequently foisted off on simple-minded collectors as such.

V. R. I. V. R. I. ½d ½d	½d on ½d oraage

11. Large square stop instead of ordinary round stop.

This variety occurs after the "R" of "V.R.I." on the fifth stamp of the seventh row of each pane of 60. I have seen it only in the 1d, 2½d, 3d and 4d. values, but it probably may be found in other values.

V. R. I. 3d	1d on 1d purple 2½d " 3d blue 3d " 3d blue 4d " 4d blue

12. Raised Stop after "s."

This is found only after the "s" in the 1s value. It occurs in both the level stops setting, and in the raised stop setting, but in the level stop setting it is found only in the fifth stamp of the first row and the second stamp in the seventh row of each pane of 60.

V. R. I. 1s.	1s on 1s brown

13. Slanting or shifted "d" in value.

This is included in Mr. Menpes' collection. It is a battered letter, which had evidently worked loose in the press. It occurs only on the 1d value. Information wanting as to its position on the sheet.

V. R. I. 1d	1d on 1d purple

14. Wider spacing between " 1 " and " d."

Mr. J. W. Jones has shown me a used copy of this variety, postmarked " Field Post Office," 23 March, 1900, which was posted at Bloemfontein. Its absence from sheets, received in this country, shows that it must have been detected and corrected very early. Information wanting as to its position.

V. R. I. 1 d	1d on 1d purple

15. Wider spacing between " 1 " and " s ".

This variety has been shown me in the pane by the Earl of Crawford. It is the last stamp in the fourth row, but curiously enough, an attempt was evidently made to correct it, for, in another pane in his lordship's collection, the spacing has been reduced, but not to the normal distance of the other stamps. The wider spaced figure and letter measures 4½ mm. over all, and the normal only 3 mm.

V. R. I. 1s	1s on 1s brown

RAISED STOPS AFTER " V.R.I."

In the raised stops setting varieties are not so plentiful. In the first setting there were many faults, such as omitted letters, figures and stops. These were corrected before the level stops were changed into raised stops. I apprehended that the raised stop setting was not a fresh setting, *de novo*, but simply a rectification of the stops without otherwise interfering with the setting. In a subsequent printing a variety of the mixed stops order is found in the last stamp in the bottom row of the pane of 60, in which the stop is level and large after the V, but raised and small after the R and I of V.R I. All the rest of the pane is uniformly of the raised stop setting. This stamp is distinguished from the ordinary misplaced stops varieties by a large stop after V and small stops after R and I.

This raised stops setting comprises the following varieties :

1. Misplaced stops : some level, some raised.
2. All stops raised.
3. Thick " V " in " V.R.I."
4. Stop omitted after " V " of " V.R.I."
5. Shorter figure and dropped "d ": " 1d ".
6. Dropped " d " in value.
7. Wider spacing between " V " and " R ".
8. Smaller fractional figures.

1. Misplaced stops.

The first change from the level stops setting was to one which we term misplaced stops, in which some of the stops were raised and some level on the same stamp. Each pane of 60 in the sheet of 240 was made up as follows :—

In the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth rows all the stops were uniformly of the raised setting.

In the seventh row the stops in the fourth stamp were all level and large as in the first setting. All the rest of the row had raised stops.

In the eighth row the stops were all raised.

In the ninth row the first, second, third, and sixth stamps had all raised stops. In the fourth stamp the stop was raised after " R " and level after " V " and " I." In the fifth stamp the stops were raised after " R " and " I " and level after " V."

In the tenth row the first, second, third, fifth, and sixth stamps had all raised stops. In the fourth stamp the stop was raised after " V " and level after " R " and " I."

Thus each pane of 60 stamps was made as follows :—

1.	V.R.I., all level stops,	1
2.	V·R·I·, all raised stops,	56
3.	V.R·I·, level after V and raised after R and I,	1
4.	V·R.I., raised after V and level after R and I,	1
5.	V.R.I., level after V and I and raised after R,	1
	Making up the pane of	60

V· R· I.	½d on	½d orange
	1d "	1d purple
	2d "	2d bright lilac
	3d "	3d blue
	4d "	4d blue
1d	6d "	6d carmine
	6d "	6d blue
	1s "	1s brown

2. All stops raised.

The raised stops setting differs from the level stops setting not merely in the altered positions of the stops, but also in the size of the stops themselves. The level stops are large and belong to the same fount of type as the initials, but the raised stops, excepting the misplaced, are all small stops and belong to a smaller fount of initials. Some doubt has been, not unnaturally, cast upon the 6d carmine in the raised stop setting, as it was given

out that the stock of that stamp was quickly exhausted in the first printing. But Mr. Menpes, who was on the spot at the time, informs me that a small supply of the 6d carmine came in from an outlying post office during the printing of the raised stops, and was forthwith similarly overprinted.

V. R. I.	½d on ½d orange
	1d " 1d purple
	2d " 2d bright lilac
	2½d " 3d blue
	3d " 3d blue
1d	6d " 6d carmine
	6d " 6d blue
	1s " 1s brown
	5s " 5s green

3. Thick V in " V.R.I."

The thick V has been so named because both the down stroke and the up stroke are thick, whereas in the ordinary letter the down stroke is heavy and the up stroke is light. These thick V's were presumably introduced to take the place of battered letters. Their positions vary in different panes. In one setting the thick V is the fifth stamp in the first, third, fourth, and seventh rows, and the third and sixth in the eighth row. In another setting it is the second stamp in the first, third, fourth, and seventh rows, and the first and third stamps in the eighth row.

V. R. I.	½d on ½d orange
	1d " 1d purple
	2d " 2d bright lilac
	3d " 3d blue
	6d " 6d blue
1d	1s " 1s brown
	5s " 5s green

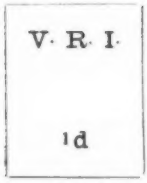
4. Stop omitted after V of " V R. I. "

The omitted stop in the raised stop setting occurs in the first stamp in the sixth row, and is, I believe confined to the ½d and 1d values.

V R. I.	½d on ½d orange
	1d " 1d purple
½d	

5. Short figure " 1 " and dropped letter " d."

This variety is the fifth stamp in the top row of the pane of 60. The short figure belongs to a smaller size fount, and the letter " d " being of a larger fount of type has the appearance of being dropped. This defect was apparently discovered early and corrected.



1d on 1d purple

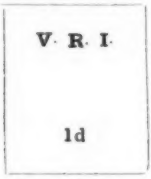
6. Dropped "d" in value.

In the last stamp of the seventh row of the thick V setting the figure and letter of value are out of alignment, presenting the appearance of a dropped "d." The Earl of Crawford has shown me this in the pane.

6d on 6d blue

7. Wider spacing between "V" and "R."

In this variety the "V" and "R" are wider spaced. I have not seen the stamp, but Mr. Frank H. Oliver, who has seen it, tells me that it is in Mr. Harold J. White's collection.



1d on 1d purple

8. Smaller fractional figures.

This variety has been shifted from one position to another. In one lot it is the third stamp in the seventh row; and in another lot it is the last stamp in the last row of the pane. The difference, of course, is small, but it is nevertheless distinct.

½d on ½d orange

For the completeness of this reference list, and the verification of many of the rare varieties, I am largly indebted to the very fine specialised collections made by the Earl of Crawford and Mr. Mortimer Menpes. I have been very careful to include nothing that has not been verified and I have excluded such unnecessary distinctions as small and large stops, ordinary battered letters, and misplaced surcharges. These may be classed as curiosities collected accordingly, but philatelists should be very chary in giving them catalogue rank.

Historical Note on Thurn and Taxis and its Postage Stamps.

By Jules Bouvèz.

(*Continued from page 202.*)

The first issue of the stamps of Thurn and Taxis comprised the following values, square shaped, having the sides 22mm and printed in black on colored paper.

A.—For the Northern German states.

½sgr, paper light blue
½ " " pale sea-green
1 " " light greenish blue
1 " " dark blue
2 " " rose
3 " " dark yellow

B.—For the Southern German states.

1 kreuzer, paper greenish blue
1 " " pale sea-green
3 " " pale greenish blue
3 " " dark blue
6 " " rose
9 " " dark yellow

In these specimens we observe that the figure of value is displayed on an engine turned ground, the frame is ornamental and bears the legend "Freimarke" at the top, "Deutsch Oestr-Postverein" at left and "Thurn und Taxis" at the right. As to the value, it is repeated at the bottom and in the four corners of the stamp. It may further be remarked that the frame is square for the set of groschen stamps and round for that of the stamps in kreuzers. At the time at which these postal values appeared, ordinary letters of the weight of 10 grammes, paid, from or to Hamburg, Lubeck and Bremen, 4½ silver groschen; the price was 15 kreuzers to and from the other states. Upon correspondence destined for Belgium, after the convention, the internal tax was calculated differently. Thus on ordinary letters, addressed to places

situated within a radius not exceeding ten English miles (75 kilometres) from the Belgian frontier, there was only an internal tax of 1 groschen. For a radius of ten to twenty miles (75 to 150 kilometres) from the Belgian frontier the tax was 2 groschen. Finally, letters destined for places at greater distances were taxed 3 groschen. To this internal tax had to be added the external Belgian postage, which was the equivalent of 1 groschen, for correspondence to places in the provinces of Liege, Lindbourg and Luxemburg and the equivalent of 2 groschen for the other Belgian provinces. As for letters to destinations in countries beyond Belgium, the number of those franked by postage stamps was small. There was applied to them the tariff which was adopted by the postal convention concluded between Belgium and Prussia, under the date of January 17, 1852, for correspondence emenating from the German-Austrian Postal Union. These taxes were fixed as follows:

1°) For Switzerland, ... 4sgr.
2°) For the Italian States not belonging to the Austrian Monarchy, ... 5sgr.
3°) For Poland and Russia, ... 6sgr.
4°) For Egypt, Switzerland (*Sic*) and Tuscany, . . . 7sgr.
5°) For Greece, Ionian Isles and Turkey (via Belgrade), 8sgr.
6°) For Turkey (via Trieste), ... 10sgr.
7°) For Sweden and Malta (via Trieste), ... 11sgr.
8°) For Norway, ... 13½sgr.

It must, nevertheless, be remarked that the larger number of letters sent to the countries above named were not prepaid by means of postage stamps or, further, that the postage tax was applied only for a part of the way. This situation which continued for several years for foreign correspondence, was the cause of the delay in the issue of the values above 3sgr.

The condition in regard to foreign correspondence did not, however, exist for internal correspondence because the number of letters franked by postage stamps increased sensibly after the first year of issue. It is that which in July, 1853, prompted a new printing of the 3sgr and the 9kr. These two values, of which the stock was the most rapidly exhausted, gave place to a second printing which was made on a paper of ochre yellow color. On the 1st of January, 1854, appeared a new value, ¼sgr, printed, like the preceeding values, in black, on red brown paper. This new value was required for the rate applied to correspondence addressed to the country Hohenzollern (*Sic*), the duchy of Lauenburg and the principalities of Lippe-Detmold, and Lippe-Schaumburg.

Nearly four years later, there was printed at Berlin, on the same paper as the stamps of the preceding issues, a new value of ⅓ sgr. This was printed in flesh color and in very limited quantity. In 1860, that is to say eight years after the issue of the first value, the number of letters circulating in the territory controlled by Thurn and Taxis had attained the figure of 6,745,840, and 68 per cent. of these were prepaid in postage stamps. It was not until that date that the administration of Thurn and Taxis decided to create more important new values, in order to facilitate and further extend the payment in postage stamps of correspondance for foreign countries. It was for this reason that there appeared, in September, 1859, both for the offices of the North German states and those of the Southern states the following new stamps, which completed the series.

For the offices of Northern Germany:

5sgr lilac.—10sgr orange.

For the offices of Southern Germany:

15kr lilac.—30kr orange.

These stamps were printed at Berlin, as were those preceding, but they differed in this, that the impression was made in color on white wove paper and that the lateral inscriptions were arranged in single lines. Besides, on the engine turned field, the wavy lines were replaced by arabesques within which the numerals of the values were repeated in miniature, as well for the silbergroschen as for the kreuzers. We should also notice that there exists in the 10sgr and the 30kr, the two highest values, a variety which consists in a brighter shade of the orange color which became reddish. We add, however, that this peculiarity was only produced on the occasion of the second printing of these stamps, made three months later, at the same time as the new issue, which was also printed in color on white paper. This new issue, of December, 1859, comprised the following values:

A.—¼sgr red; ½sgr green; 1sgr blue; 2sgr rose; 3sgr red brown; 10sgr red orange.

B.—1kr yellow green; 3kr blue; 6kr rose; 9kr yellow; 30kr red orange.

It was on the occasion of this second issue that the franking in postage stamps of letters for England went into operation. Although Article 20 of the convention concluded between Belgium and the post office of S. A. S. the Prince of Thurn and Taxis, only stipulated the payment to Ostend of letters destined for England, which the post offices of Lubeck, Bremen and Hamburg delivered to the Belgium bureau of exchange, they were franked to destination, calculating the English postage according to the arrangement entered into by the two offices on the 27th of December, 1847. According to this arrangement letters destined for England, coming from the offices of Thurn and Taxis and franked to Ostend, paid 1 franc for transit through Belgium, for each 30 grammes net weight. When they were franked to destinations other than the place before indicated there had to be included the price that the Belgian office was required to make good to the English office, which amounted to 1fr 60c per 30 grammes net weight.

It is easy to comprehend that such high rates were not calculated to rapidly extend the employment of high values, the more so as franking by means of postage stamps was optional in the majority of foreign countries. On the other hand, by virtue of Article 5 of the convention, when the postage stamps affixed to a letter destined for one of the two despatching offices represented a sum less than that due for franking to the destination, this letter was considered as unpaid and taxed as such without deducting the value of these stamps. These are the reasons which explain the limited use of the four higher values, also that we so rarely find them cancelled.

Furthermore the use of these values was not provided for in the issues which followed.

As one will see by examining the table reproduced below, the number of letters sent by the post offices of the administration of Thurn and Taxis increased in a large proportion during the years of 1855 to 1860 but the franking of correspondances by means of postage stamps did not increase with equal rapidity.

Number of letters circulated in the territory of Thurn and Taxis:

Year.	Prepaid by Postage Stamps.	Not Prepaid.	Total.
1855	2,356,812	1,519,124	3,875,936
1856	2,785,027	1,801.516	4,586,543
1857	3,162,714	1,950 051	5,112,765
1858	3,619,518	2,064,358	5,683,876
1859	4,076,425	2 273.334	6,349,759
1860	4,587,171	2 158,147	6,745,318

(*To be continued.*)

The Oldest Pre-cancelled Stamps.

By John N. Luff.

There is nothing new under the sun. Of late we have read much in the stamp magazines about pre-cancelled stamps and most of us suppose them to be very new things. That is where most of us are mistaken.

I think I need not say that pre-cancelled stamps are stamps which have been cancelled in sheets before use. This work is done either by the Post Office Department or under its sanction. These stamps are used by firms and individuals who send out large quantities of circulars or other mail matter. The object of their use is, of course, the saving of labor in the mailing division of the post office. The cancellation is usually the name of the city in which the stamps are to be used but sometimes it is merely one or more bars.

As the majority of these cancellations are found on the stamps of the current issue and have only attracted general notice during the past year, we have usually regarded them as a very modern affair. However, the *Youth's Companion* of Boston used the one cent stamp of the 1890 issue in this manner. But the latest discovery in this line is so old that it has been forgotten for a generation and now comes forward as something entirely new. Mr. H. B. Phillips—good philatelist and indefatigable delver after neglected and forgotten things and ideas—sends me two pre-cancelled three cent stamps of the 1851 issue. These stamps were used on letters carried by Adams' and Wells, Fargo & Co's expresses. To-day the Government requires a letter carried by an express company to be enclosed in an envelope having an embossed stamp. But in years gone by it was allowable to affix an adhesive stamp. Of course, the sender paid a fee to the express company in addition to the Government postage.

The stamps used by Adams' express were cancelled in sheets by ruling a line in black ink across each vertical and horizontal row, thus making a cross on each stamp. When a stamp is on the original cover, the fact that the penmarks do not extend beyond its edges shows it to have been cancelled before it was affixed. The pre-cancellation used by Wells, Fargo & Co was the letters "W. F. & CO." handstamped in blue ink.

The stamps which Mr. Phillips sends me are on the original covers and carried letters from Sacramento to San Francisco. They bear the franks of the companies by which they were forwarded but unfortunately, neither of them has the date of use, they must, however, have been used prior to 1857.

Our English Letter.

By Edward J. Nankivell.

London, 23, October, 1900.

We have certainly had a lively philatelic summer. In ordinary times we close our albums during the summer months. But this year we have been as busy as bees, scrambling in hot haste for the many varieties of the V. R. I. issues of the Orange River Colony as they came to hand one after the other. We have talked of little else for months. No one dared trust to his luck in picking them all up in the winter season. They had to be grabbed as they came out or run the risk of not getting them at all. The stocks that have come here have been barely enough to keep our markets supplied, for the stamps have been absorbed readily and rapidly.

Already the list of varieties is a formidable one. And there are some so-called errors that are likely to run into long prices and be reckoned among the unattainables so far as the ordinary pocket is concerned. I am told that every man who has come home from the Colony has got some stamps as an investment for sale. And when the cute one arrives he visits the London dealer, enters his shop, puts on the air of a buyer, ask to see some Orange River Colony stamps, inspects the dealers stock, notes the prices, and then announces himself as a seller. He wants an offer. It's a sharp practice, but some dealers resent it. I was in one shop and saw the game played. That dealer ordered the party off his premises, and refused to buy from him on any terms.

Our auctions have commenced with a rush. There has been an epidemic of Mafekings, and it has been such a bad attack that two leading firms of auctioneers, who had previously never touched stamps, held sales of Mafekings and secured good prices. The sets are now realizing from £35 to £40 per set at auction This is a long way from the £100 per set which the first batch of the besieged that arrived in London declared they would hold out for. The demand for Mafekings is active in all directions. Some have tried to cry them down—sour grapes—but they might just as well whistle for the sun at midnight. The stamps have franked letters to this country over and over again. I have seen numbers of envelopes, with the stamps on, which have come to persons known to me. Besides the association would outweigh all objections even if they could be proved to have had only a purely local use.

The secret as to who has been the purchaser of the Castle collection of Europeans at £30,000 has not yet oozed out. The secret is being well kept.

But Mr. Castle's new philatelic activities have become known. He has,

in fact, announced that he has returned to his old love—Australians. This time he will collect *used* instead of *unused*. To attempt to collect Australians unused with a Castle standard for mint copies would now be a most expensive luxury, even with the £30,000 to the good at your bankers.

Long ago, forseeing the coming Federation, and believing in its ultimate accomplishment, I advised the readers of the *A. J. P.* to go in for Australians while they were cheap. Those who have done so will have no reason to be sorry that they took the hint, for the next few years will witness a great scarcity of even used Australians, plentiful as they are to-day. I refer of course to picked copies. Rubbishy copies will probably be always fairly moderate in price. To those who have not yet made a beginning I should say they may not yet find it too late to start, for many collectors will postpone their activities till the one series for the Commonwealth has superseded the separate issues. Then they will make a mad rush.

Another hint. Don't neglect the changes in New Zealands that are being made just now in hand to mouth fashion. For some reason or another the postal authorities are constantly reprinting from the old plates of old designs for temporary use. Presumably they find a difficulty with the Waterlow plates of the picture series. Anyway, a close watch should be kept for all sorts of varieties of shades, perforation, and watermark. I was going through recent issues a few days since with a fellow member of the London Philatelic Society, comparing notes, and classifying, and I don't mind confessing that we found it no easy task though we have both specialised in the issues since the introduction of the Waterlow set.

The study of recent New Zealands will well repay the collector. The local printings of the Waterlow set have been coming over for some time, and they are full of interest. To begin with, they were roughly printed and roughly perforated. There is no chance of confusing the local with the London print for the local is perf. 11, a perforation never found in the London prints. Then the ½d, 1d, 2d, and 4d values have been redrawn in a slightly smaller size, and I should not be surprised to find that the 3d, 6d, 8d, and 1s, have also to be redrawn.

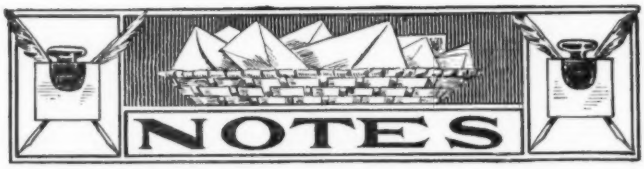
The local prints to secure at the earliest opportunity are the 3d from original Waterlow plate, still in issue, the 6d, green, from the Waterlow plate. This last stamp has already been superseded by a 6d pink, and will, I believe, be scarce, possibly even rare. The 6d, pink, also may be a short lived stamp, as it may be re-drawn. The 8d local prints from the Waterlow plates have been remarkably well done, and are scarcely to be distinguished from the London print, but the perf. 11. settles it.

When I have gone more thoroughly into the matter I hope to give *A J. P.* readers the benefit of my results. Meanwhile, they should secure all

changes as they come out, for there is no saying from day to day, under the existing make-shift arrangements, what may be scarce or even rare and what may be safely left to be common.

Another country that will want watching is Greece for it has suddenly broken out into provisionals. The 25 l blue has been overprinted 20 l and there are four distinct shades, for the stamps overprinted seem to be the old stock of obsolete stamps called in long ago. There are also 1dr on 40 l red violet, and 2dr on the same value. The stamps used up, so far, are the Athens prints of 1889-99. But having once started the surcharging business there is no saying where it may stop. And if old stock is being used up varieties may be common to-day that will be rare to-morrow. Hence the wise will pick them up at reasonable prices while they may.

Some of these Grecians promise to be priced high. Those shades of which it is known only small quantities were overprinted are already being cornered for an eventual rise. The speculator will poach upon the collector's preserves, and I am not sure that the cornering is confined to the mere speculator, for both the dealer and collector indulge in the game when they can spare the cash.



BOSNIA.—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* has been informed that the absence of the values of 40 heller, 1 krone and 2 kronen, in the newly issued set, causes considerable inconvenience to the postal service, and that the issue of these values has been decided upon. The 40 heller is to be orange, the 1 krone red brown and the 2 kronen light blue. The kronen values are to be somewhat larger than the remainder of the series and will bear the indication of value in all four corners.

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BRITISH HONDURAS.—In our last number we chronicled the new 5c, from reports in our English contemporaries, as printed in gray, black and blue on pale blue paper. We have now received the stamp and find it is printed in gray black and ultramarine on blue paper.

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CHILE.—Several of our contemporaries make the announcement that the 10c stamp in a new design, which was originally issued in violet, has now been changed to yellow. Our correspondence arriving from Chile is still prepaid with the violet stamp, and we therefore feel considerable doubt as to the correctness of the information conveyed.

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COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—We have found in our stock a horizontal pair of the 5c red brown on salmon, 1899 issue, imperforate vertically between.

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CRETE.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that the high values now appear without surcharge. It is possible that a few specimens escaped the overprint, but we do not believe the statement that the issue is to be regularly made in that shape, as our correspondent in Crete, who has always furnished us with early information in regard to any changes in the stamps, has not informed us as yet of any alteration in the method of issuing the higher values.

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VATHY.—We are informed on good authority that the 5fr stamp of France is to be surcharged "20 piastres" for use in this office.

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LOURENZO MARQUES.—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* states that the

10c revenue stamp has been cut horizontally in two, each half being surcharged in five lines, " 5 Correio de Lorenco Marques 5 reis."

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MALOUINES ISLANDS.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* announces, on the authority of Mr. Lemoine, that a set of ten values in the Seychelles type is in course of preparation.

Our contemporary states that it was always of the opinion that " Malouines " Islands was simply another name for " Falkland " Islands, and this information is confirmed by *Lippincott's Gazetteer* although the *Statesmen's Year Book* supplies no such information, and, at this writing, we are unable to place the colony supposed to be referred to.

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NICARAGUA.—Mr. Albert Calman has shown us the 1c purple 1896 issue, imperforate vertically.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie states that some values of the unpaid letter stamps of the 1896 issue have been surcharged " Franqueo Oficial ", converting them into official stamps. The values said to have been thus treated are the 1, 2, 5 and 20c.

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REUNION.—A correspondent of *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* sends the information that the 20, 25 and 50 centimes stamps of the current issue exist without accent on the " E " of "RÉUNION."

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ROUMANIA.—A few months ago we chronicled the 1, 5 and 15 bani stamps of the current issue on paper slightly rosy on the reverse, making the entire stamp appear to be on rose colored paper. We are now informed that the entire set from 1 bani to 2 leu is to appear in this manner, the information being also conveyed that the issue is a provisional one, intended to celebrate the appearance of a new tooth in the mouth of a royal baby, or some other event of equal importance.

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SALVADOR.—Mr. Albert Calman has shown us the 1c green official stamp of 1896 with double surcharge.

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SPAIN.—In our November number we chronicled the appearance of the 2 centimos stamp in a new color, but we are rather doubtful about the correctness of the information, as our regular correspondents in Spain have not as yet given notice of any such change.

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TRINIDAD.—A correspondent of the *Monthly Journal* sends information in regard to the quantity issued of the 5d and 10sh stamps, both of which were recently withdrawn from circulation. Of the 5d, 34,728 were issued; of the 10sh, 1,189, the remainders on hand having been destroyed.

It is likely that the 10sh stamp will become almost a rarity, as a large part of those issued were employed for revenue purposes.

CHRONICLE

UNITED STATES.—Mr. Clarence H. Eagle informs us that he has a 3c Proprietary stamp, part perforated, in a strip of three. There can therefore be no doubt as to the stamp existing in this condition.

Revenue stamp.

3c Proprietary, green, part perforate

AUSTRIA.—The *Monthly Journal* has received a new 6 heller letter card which is buff outside and white inside. There are no inscriptions on the card, which will save us the infliction of the numerous varieties to which Austrian cards are subject.

Letter card.

6h orange, *buff*

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The *Weekly Philatelic Era* reports the appearance of a new 2c postal card, both regular and reply.

Postal cards.

2c carmine, *buff*
2x2c carmine, *buff*

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—Messrs. Bright & Son have received two values of a special issue for these islands, the type being the same as that in use in the Seychelles.

The Cayman Islands, formerly attached to Jamaica, consist of Grand Cayman, Little Cayman and Cayman Brae. This information is gleaned from the *Statesmen's Year Book.*

Adhesive stamps.

Watermarked Crown and C. A.
Perf. 14.
½p green
1p carmine

CEYLON.—The 3c stamp, which recently appeared in dark green, has been surcharged for official use.

Official stamp.

Watermarked Crown and C. A.
Perf. 14.
3c dark green, black surcharge

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC. — We have seen several values of the 1900 issue with a regular perforation, gauging about 12, instead of being, as heretofore, pin perforate and imperforate.

Adhesive stamps.

Violet surcharge.
Perf. 12.
5c red on buff
5c maroon on blue
10c red on salmon

FERNANDO PO.—In addition to the provisionals chronicled some months ago, it appears that the 10c blue revenue stamp was also surcharged "Correos" and "5 Cen." in oval, as well as with the surcharge "Correos" alone, the second variety being thus a provisional 10 centavos stamp.

An entirely new set has appeared, the design remaining the same as the issue of 1899, all the colors being changed.

Adhesive stamps.

Provisional issue.

5c on 10c blue, revenue stamp, black surcharge
10c blue, on revenue stamp, black surcharge

Regular issue.

Perforated.

1m black
2m "
3m "
4m "
5m "
1c green
2c violet
3c carmine
4c black brown
5c blue
6c orange
8c bronze green
10c claret
15c dark violet
20c olive brown
40c brown
60c green
80c dark blue
1p red brown
2p red

German Offices in Morocco.—The current issue of German stamps has been surcharged for use in these offices.

Adhesive stamps.

Perforated 14x13½.

3c on 3pf bistre brown
5c " 5pf green
10c " 10pf carmine
25c " 20pf ultramarine
30c " 25pf orange and black on yellow
35c " 30pf orange and black on salmon
50c " 40pf lake and black
60c " 50pf purple and black on salmon
1p " 80pf lake and black on rose
1p 25c " 1m carmine rose
2p 50c on 2m gray blue
3p 75c " 3m black violet

GREECE.—In our last number we chronicled various provisional issues for this country. We regret to have to add somewhat extensively to the list.

The surcharged stamps are found both imperforate and perforate. We have seen one variety perforated 13½, on others the perforation gauges 11½. We are informed that this perforating is done at the Athens post office when purchasers desire it; as a result, we find various stamps in perforate condition which have hitherto only been known imperforate. A number of the provisional stamps bear an additional surcharge—"A. M.", signifying "Axia Metaliki", or "Value in Coin," as they are sold only for gold and not for the depreciated paper currency of the country. These A. M. stamps are intended to be used exclusively on international postal parcels.

We give the corrected list, including all values reported at this date:

Adhesive stamps.

Provisional issue.

Black surcharge.

Imperforate.

20l on 25l blue, 1889-92
20l " 25l dull blue "
20l " 25l indigo "
20l " 25l ultramarine "
30l " 40l violet, *yellowish*, 1880-82
30l " 40l lilac " "
40l " 2l yellow bistre, *creamish*, 1862-71
40l " 2l bistre, *yellowish*, 1880-82
50l " 40l pale rose, *creamish*, 1876
1dr " 40l violet, 1889-92
2dr " 40l " 1886-88
2dr " 40l " 1889-92
3dr " 10l orange, *yellowish*, 1880-82
3dr " 10l red orange " "
5dr " 40l red violet, *blue*, 1862-71
5dr " 40l " " 1872-76

Perf. 11½.

20l on 25l blue, 1891-92
20l " 25l dull blue "

20 l on 25 l indigo 1891-92
20 l " 25 l ultramarine "
30 l " 40 l violet, *yellowish*, 1880-82
30 l " 40 l lilac, " "
40 l " 2 l yellow bistre, *creamish*, 1862-71
40 l " 2 l bistre, *yellowish*, 1891
50 l " 40 l pale rose, *creamish*, 1876
1dr " 40 l violet, 1891-92
2dr " 40 l " 1891
2dr " 40 l " 1891-92
3dr " 10 l orange, *yellowish*, 1891
3dr " 10 l red orange " "
5dr " 40 l red violet, *blue*, 1862-71
5dr " 40 l " " 1872-76

Varieties:

a. Horizontal pair, imperf. between.
1dr on 40 l violet, 1891-92

b. Vertical pair, imperf. between.
1dr on 40 l violet, 1891-92

c. Block of four, imperf. horizontally and vertically between.
1dr on 40 l violet, 1891-92

Perf. 13½.

2dr on 40 l violet, 1891-92

With additional surcharge "A. M."

Imperf.

25 l on 40 l violet, 1891
50 l " 25 l blue "
1dr " 40 l brown violet, *blue*, 1862-71
2dr " 5 l green, *yellowish*, 1891

Perf. 11½.

25 l on 40 l violet, 1886-88
50 l " 25 l blue "
1dr " 40 l brown violet, *blue*, 1862-71
2dr " 5 l green, *yellowish*, 1891

Dhar.—We have received the ½, 1 and 2 annas stamps of the current type, printed in new colors.

Adhesive stamps.

Perforate 11½.

½a rose
1a purple
2a dark green

Hyderabad.—The *Monthly Journal* has received from a correspondent in India specimens of a provisional stamp, issued by this state. Our contemporary states that the government of Hyderabad decided to introduce the ¼ anna rate for printed matter and, pending the appearance of a permanent stamp of that value, surcharging was resorted to. The stamps are said to be surcharged singly and only a comparatively small number was issued.

Adhesive stamp.

Provisional issue.

Perforated.

¼a on ½a bright vermilion, black surcharge

Nepal.—The *Monthly Journal* states that the current ½ anna black now appears pin perforated.

Adhesive stamp.

Pin perf.

½a black

MALTA.—Several of our contemporaries report having actually seen a 1sh 4d stamp, the central design showing a view of Valetta.

Adhesive stamp.

Watermarked Crown and C. A.

Perf. 14.

1sh 4d (?)

PARAGUAY.—We have received an additional value of the new series, and we illustrate herewith the design of this issue.

Adhesive stamp.

Perforated.

2c gray

SALVADOR.—In our last number we chronicled two stamps of the 1900 issue, surcharged with a sunburst.

From copies shown us by friends and those chronicled in our contemporaries, we are able to add considerably to this list.

From *Mekeel's Weekly* we learn that still another value of the Due stamps has been surcharged with "Franqueo Official" and wheel, and that two values of these stamps have been further decorated with a sunburst. The diameter of the latter, however, is not given. We have also seen two new varieties of the 1899 issue with surcharge "Franqueo Oficial" in blue; each is perforated by a group of twelve small holes and one of them is further surcharged with the wheel device.

Adhesive stamps.

Perforated.

Surcharged Sunburst, 15mm. in diameter.

1c light green
3c dull pink
3c gray
5c slate blue
13c orange buff
50c rose red

Surcharged Sunburst, 12mm. in diameter.

1c green
2c red
3c slate
5c slate blue
10c dark blue
13c orange buff

Official stamps.

Provisional issue.

Perforated.

Unpaid letter stamp of 1899, surcharged in black

and wheel.

10c orange
15c "

With additional surcharge of Sunburst.

1c orange
3c "

Blue surcharge

Perforated by twelve small holes.

13c deep rose

With additional surcharge in black

13c deep rose

SENEGAL.—It is stated that the current 50c has been issued in brown on bluish paper. It seems rather strange that these colors should be adopted while the new value of 2fr has just appeared in France in this style.

Adhesive stamp.

Perforated.

50c brown on blue

Federated Malay States.—The *Monthly Journal* has received the 5c of Perak with new new surcharge.

Adhesive stamp.

Watermarked Crown and C. A.

Perf. 14.

5c lilac and ochre, black surcharge

Perak.—Two additional provisionals have been sent to us from this State, the 8c and 50c stamps being surcharged "3 Cent" in two lines and a line through the original value.

Adhesive stamps.

Provisional issue.

3c on 8c lilac and blue
3c on 50c green and black

VENEZUELA. — The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* states that the official stamps have also been surcharged "1900."

Official stamps.

Provisional issue.

5c dark green and black
10c rose and black
25c blue and black
50c yellow and black
1b violet and black

Communication.

TRINIDAD, 8th Nov., 1900.

THE SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO., L'D., NEW YORK.

Dear Sirs:—Confining my last respects of 3d October, I beg to-day to inform you of the following in the interest of all philatelic dealers and collectors.

I was offered these days past a quantity of the Trinidad Wrapper, 1885, ½d surcharged on 1d carmine, but on examination found them to be forgeries. I compared them with the originals and found the following differences:

The printing of ½d of the original is in sharp cut and clear letters, whilst the forgeries have more rough letters, the length of the ½d from beginning of H to end of Y is 14½ mm. in the original, whilst forgery No. 1 has it 17 mm., and forgery No. 2, 16½mm. The height of letters in original is 2¾ mm., whilst both forgeries have same over 3 mm. high. The length of the first overprint line is 20½ mm., nearly 21 mm. in original, and barely 20 mm. in forgery No. 1, and only 17 mm. in forgery No. 2. Both forgeries bear the post office stamp, Trinidad—1885, but put under the magnifying glass this stamp appears to be below the surcharge ½d. In my opinion the forgeries were made in the following way; unsurcharged wrappers were obliterated at the post office in 1885 and then the ½d surcharge was printed on it by some one connected with book or newspaper printing, as the print looks very much like that. I remain dear sirs,

Yours very truly,

CARL SCHIERHOLZ.

The Collectors Club,

351 Fourth Avenue, New York.

The 59th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Monday, November 12, 1900.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Bruner, Luff, Perrin and Scott.

Meeting called to order at 8.45 P. M. by President Bruner.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance in bank of $939.32, exclusive of U. S. bonds was approved as read.

The Secretary reported having issued a two weeks card to Mr. T. L. Hazzard, of Allegheny, Pa., at the request of Mr. Luff.

The House Committee's report was read and accepted.

Mr. Bruner presented to the Club the book on "The Postage Stamps of Switzerland," and on presenting this handsome volume explained that this work had been purchased with money collected by private subscription among the members of the Club. A vote of thanks was tendered to the committee which obtained the subscriptions and also to the subscribers who kindly donated this handsome book to the Club.

There being no further business to transact the meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

ALBERT PERRIN, *Secretary.*

Birmingham Philatelic Society.

Nov. 6. The election of the following new members was confirmed: Messrs. H. Griebert, F. B. Vandeleur, W. A. Julsum, W. K. Hall, H. Champ and J. W. Jones. The following were then unanimously elected members: Mrs. Livingston, Commander B. H Chevallier, R. N., Messrs. C. E. Baker, J. P., F. J. Durrant, S. E. Gamell, C. H. Mercer, J. R. Ponder, W. H. Woodroffe, G. Padoux, W. Swire.

Mr. W. B. Avery then gave his display of British North America and New South Wales to a good attendance of highly appreciative members. The superb condition of the specimens even in reconstructed sheets was a revelation to those who had not previously seen the collection, and the whole display was a great treat to all present. Several uncataloged varieties were noted by the members and a long and most delightful meeting was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Avery who replied in his usual felicitous manner.

The first auction takes place Dec. 9th.

Lots must reach the Hon. Sec by Nov. 19th.

Staten Island Philatelic Society.

BRANCH OF A. P. A.

The 206th meeting of the Staten Island Philatelic Society was held at Menstell's Hotel, Stapleton, S. I., on Nov. 20th, 1900.

The meeting was called to order at 8.30 P. M., with President J. W. Sittig in the chair and Messrs. O. Dejonge, A. Lienhardt, E. Angell and R. S. Lehman present, also Mr. J. L. Browne as guest.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Mr. Angell proposed for membership Mr. Constantin Dascalakis, of Athens, Greece and Mr. J. L. Browne, of Englewood, N. J.

The nominations were referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. C. Schoeffel was unanimously elected a member, the Executive Committee having favorably reported upon his proposal.

Mr. C. B. Knocker withdrew his application for membership as he is going to leave the U. S. Mr. Lienhardt was requested to see him to induce him to become a corresponding member.

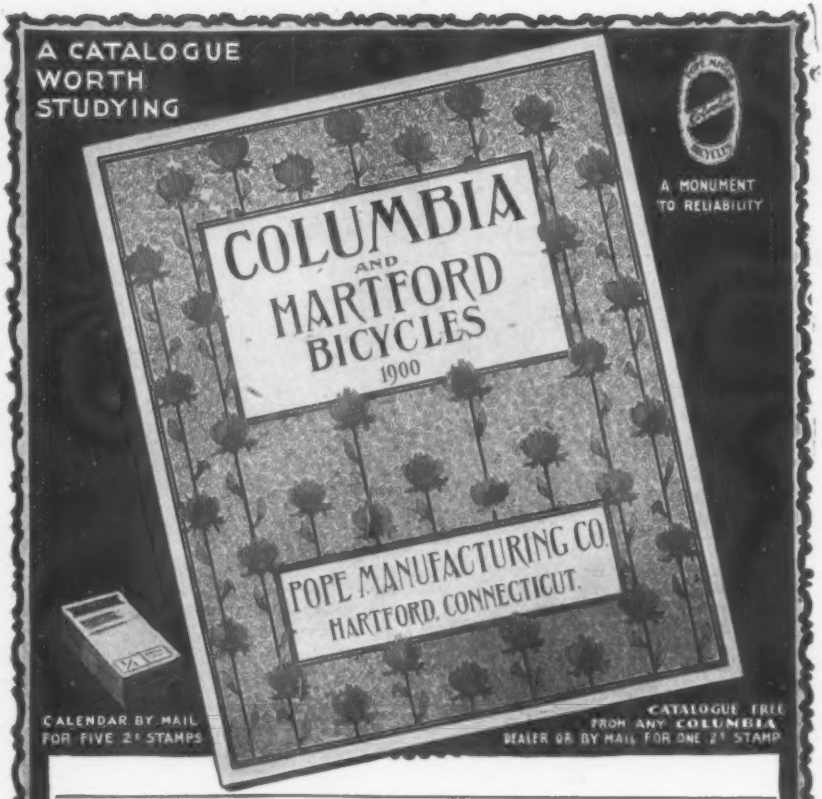
Mr Witt sends a cutting from a German newspaper, which states that our member Capt. J. Niedermeyer in October, 1898, when he was first officer of the S. S. "Sachsen" rescued, at great personal risk, several members of the crew of a wrecked Chinese vessel, off the coast of China, and that the Emperor of Germany, in appreciation of his bravery, had presented him with a gold watch bearing the Emperor's portrait and autograph engraved thereon. Mr. Dejonge moved that a letter of congratulation be sent to Capt. Niedermeyer; carried unanimously.

"A Friend" sends a lot of periodicals for the library, and the Birmingham Philatelic Society its annual report for the year 1900. These were accepted with thanks.

Mr. Angell exhibited some very fine exchange circuit books, stamps from which found ready sale.

The meeting adjourned at 10 P. M. Next meeting December 18, 1900.

ROBERT S. LEHMAN, *Secretary*.



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* " " 1899, 2c black on buff		.10
* " " 1899, 5c violet on nile green		.25
* " " 1899, 10c carmine on salmon		.50
*Antioquia, 1899, ½c		.02
* " 1899, 1c		.03
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* " 1899, Too Late, 2½c		.06
* " 1899, Registration, 2½c		.06
*Ecuador, Official, 1899, 2, 10, 20, 50c	the set,	1.10
*French Offices in Alexandria, 5, 10, 15c	"	.12
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* " " " " 25c		.10
*Gwalior, 1899, 3 pies		.03
*Venezuela, Official, 5, 10, 25, 50c, 1 bol	the set,	1.25
*Victoria, 1899, ½p		.03
* " 1899, 1p		.05
* " 1899, 2½p		.10

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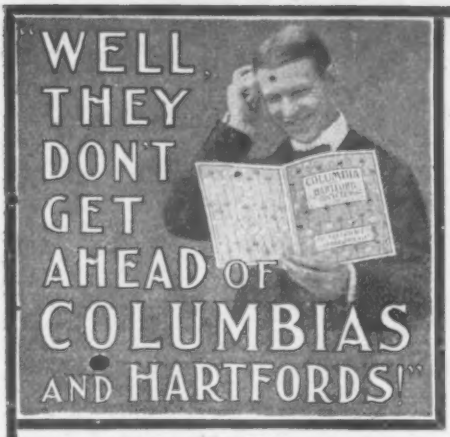
AUCTION SALES.

SEASON 1900.

January 10th, 11th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 18th, - Hunter Collection.
March, - Magnificent Collection containing many great rarities.
April, - - - - - Collection of Mr. Wm. Herrick.
May, - - U. S. Revenue Collection of Mr. H. E. Deats.

☞ If your name is not on the list, be sure to write us and we shall enter it.



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FEBRUARY BARGAINS.

ALL UNUSED.

Austria: 1900:	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10 heller,	the set,	.12
" "	20, 25, 50 heller,	"	.32
" "	1 crown,		.35
" "	2 crowns,		.70
" "	4 "		1.35
Bolivia, surcharged E. F.:	1c		.03
" "	2c		.06
" "	5c		.10
" "	10c		.20
" "	20c		.35

February Bargains.—Continued.

Bolivia, surcharged E. F.: 50c		.85
" " 100c		3.00
Cook Islands: 1899: ½p blue		.03
" " 1p brown,		.05
Cuba: 1891: 20c blue		2.50
Ecuador: 1896: Jubilee Issue surcharged: 1, 2, 5, 10c,	the set,	.75
French Offices in China: 5c yellow green,		.03
German Empire: 1900: 30pf,		.15
" " 40pf,		.18
" " 50pf,		.20
" " 80pf,		.35
German Offices in Morocco: 3c		.03
" " 5c		.03
" " 10c		.04
Great Barrier Island, Pigeon Post: 6p,		.25
" " 18,		.40
Hungary: 1900: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 heller	the set	.10
" " 10, 25, 30, 50, 60 heller	"	.60
" " 1 crown		.35
" " 3 crowns		1.00
" " Newspaper, 2 heller		.02
Philippines, surcharged on U. S.: 15c		.25
" " " 50c		.80
Puerto Rico: 1891: ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m	the set	.10
" " " 2c		.05
" " " 5c		.08
" " " 8c		.08
" " " 10c		.10
" " " 20c		.25
" " " 40c		.75
" " " 80c		1.50
" " 1898: 15c		.15
" " " 40c		.50
" " " 60c		.60
" " 1899: Unpaid Letter: 1, 2, 10c	the set	.75
Sarawak: 1899: 2, 4, 8, 10c	"	.25
" " 12c		.12
" " 16c		.16
" " 25c		.25
" " 50c		.50
" " 1.00		.90
" " 2c on 12c		.08
" " 4c on 8c		.15
South Australia: 1899; ½p		.03
" " " 2½p		.10

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MARCH BARGAINS.

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*Bavaria, 1900, 2pf,	.02
* " " 30pf,	.15
* " " 40pf,	.18
* " " 80pf,	.35
*Belgium, 1900, 10c,	.04
*Bolivia, 1899, 1c,	.02
* " " 2c,	.04
* " " 5c,	.08
* " " 10c,	.12
* " " 20c,	.25
* " " 1 boliviano,	1.10
*Cape of Good Hope, 1900, 1p,	.05
*Colombian Republic, 1900, 5c rose	.20
*Ecuador, 1899, 5 sucres,	5.00
*French Offices in Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4c, the set,	.08
*Germany, 1900, 10pf,	.05
* " 1900, 20pf,	.09
*Japanese Offices in China 5r,	.02
" " " 1s,	.02
" " " 2s,	.03
" " " 3s,	.04
" " " 4s,	.06
" " " 5s,	.08
" " " 8s,	.10
" " " 10s,	.12
" " " 15s,	.15
" " " 20s,	.20
" " " 25s,	.25
" " " 50s,	.50
" " " 1 yen,	1.00
Lourenzo Marques, 50r on 75r,	.75
*Madagascar, fcs 5.00,	1.65
Mozambique Co., 25r on 75r,	.75
*Puerto Rico, 1893, 3c, Jubilee,	1.00
* " " 1898, 4m,	.40
" " 1898, 4m,	.40
* " " 1898, 40c,	.45
* " " 1898, 60c,	.55
* " " 1898, 80c,	.75
* " " 1898, 1 peso,	1.25

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APRIL BARGAINS.

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*United States, Envelope, 1899 2c, red brown, *error*		5.00
*Bosnia, 1900, 1 heller		.02
*Brazil, 1900, Jubilee Issue, 100, 200, 500, 700r	the set,	.05
*Dahomey, 1900, 25c		.10
*Dominican Republic, 1900, 1c gray green		.03
*French Offices in Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c	the set,	.10
* " " " 10, 15, 20, 25, 30c	"	.35
* " " " 40, 50c, 1fr	"	.65
* " " " 5fr		1.65
*French Offices in Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c	the set,	.10
* " " " 10, 15, 20, 25, 30c	"	.35
* " " " 40, 50c, 1fr	"	.65
*German Offices in Morocco, 25, 30, 60c	"	.35
Guatemala, 1897, Exposition Issue, complete, including 18, 75c and 150c	"	6.00
* " 1900, 1c on 10c		.05
*Iceland, 1900, 4aur		.03
*Liberia, 1900, 1, 2, 5c	the set,	.15
* " official, 1900, 1, 2, 5c	"	.15
*Martinique, 5c yellow green		.03
*Mauritius, Labourdonnais, 15c		.12
*Mexico, 1899, 5 pesos, old type, no watermark		5.00
*Senegal, 5c yellow green		.03
*Sweden, 1900, 1 krona		.50
*Timor, 1895, complete surcharged set	the set	2.00
*Togo, 3pf		.04
* " 5pf		.05
*Venezuela, 1900, surcharged, 5, 10, 25c	the set,	.15
* " 1900 " 50c		.18
* " 1900 " 1 bolivar		.35
* " 1900 " 2 bolivares		.70
* " 1900 " Registration, 25c		.10

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MAY BARGAINS.

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*Austria, 1900, Newspaper stamps, 2, 6, 10, 20h	the set,	.15
*Bosnia, 1900, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10h	"	.12
* " 1900, 20, 25, 30, 50h	"	.40
*Brazil, 1900, Unpaid letter, 20r green		.02
*Ceylon, 1900, 2c red brown		.02
* " 1900, 3c green		.03
*Chile, 1900, 1c green		.02
* " 1900, 2c red		.03
*Panama, 1900, Registration, 10c blue green		.12
*German Empire, 1900, 2pf		.02
* " " 1900, 3pf		.02
* " " 1900, 5pf		.03
* " " 1900, 1 mark		.45
*Great Britain, 1900, ½p green		.02
*Japanese Offices in Corea, 5r, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5s	the set,	.20
* " " " 8, 10, 15, 20, 25s	"	.70
* " " " 50s		.50
* " " " 1 yen		1.00

***Labuan, 1899, 4c on 25c, 4c on 50c, 4c on $1.00; North Borneo. 1899, 4c on 25c, 4c on 50c, 4c on $1.00, 4c on $2.00, 4c on $5.00, 4c on $10.00 . . . . . the set, 2.00**

Lourenzo Marquez, 1899, 5r on 10r revenue		.25
" " 1899, 25r on 10r "		.40
" " 1899, 50r on 80r "		.50
" " 1899, 50r on 800r "		.60

Pairs of the Lourenzo Marquez, showing both top and bottom halves, at double the above prices.

*New Caledonia, 1900, 5c yellow green		.03
*New Zealand, 1900, ½p green		.03
* " 1900, 1p carmine		.05
*Nicaragua, 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c	the set,	.20
* " 1900, 10c		.12
Philippine Islands, Unpaid Letter, cancelled by pen, 1c		.04
" " " " " " 2c		.05
" " " " " " 5c		.10
" " " " " " 10c		.20
" " " " " " 50c		.90
*Puerto Rico, surcharged "PUERTO RICO," 1c		.03
* " " " " 2c		.04
* " " " " Envelope, 2c		.05
* " " " " " 5c		.10
*Samoa, Provisional Government, ½p		.03
* " " " 1p		.05
* " " " 2p		.10
* " " " 4p		.18
* " " " 5p		.22
* " " " 6p		.25
* " " " 1s		.50
* " " " 2s 6p		1.25
*Straits Settlements, 1900, 5c red violet		.06
*Surinam, 1900, 50c on Netherlands 50c		.40
* " 1900, 1g on Netherlands 1g		.75
* " 1900, 2g 50c on Netherlands 2g 50c		1.75
*Tasmania, 1900, ½p		.03
* " 1900, 1p		.05
* " 1900, 2p		.08
* " 1900, 5p		.18
* " 1900, 6p		.22
*Victoria, 1900, 1½p		.06
*Western Australia, wmkd W. A., 1p		.05
*Wurtemberg, 1900, 30pf		.13
* " 1900, 40pf		.18

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JUNE BARGAINS.

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Austrian Post Offices in the Levant,	1900, 10 paras,	.03
"	1900, 20 paras,	.06
"	1900, 1 piastre,	.10
"	1900, 2 piastres,	.18
"	1900, 5 piastres,	.40
"	1900, 10 piastres,	.80
"	1900, 20 piastres,	1.50
Bavaria, 1900, 3 Marks,		1.25
" 1900, 5 Marks,		2.00
Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20l,		the set, .15
" 25l		.10
" 50l,		.20
" 1dr,		.40
" 2dr,		.80
" 5dr,		2.00
German South West Africa,	1897, 3pf,	.03
"	1897, 5pf,	.04
"	1897, 20pf,	.12
"	1899, 3½f,	.03
"	1899, 10pf,	.06
Kishengarh, ¼a carmine		.03
" ½a green		.05
Japan, 1900, Wedding Stamp, 3s		.04
Labuan, 1900, 2c		.03
" 1900, 5c		.06
Queensland, 1900, ½p		.03
" 1900, 5p		.18
Siam, 1900, 1a		.02
" 1900, 2a		.03
" 1900, 3a		.04
" 1900, 4a		.05
" 1900, 8a		.08
" 1900, 10a		.10
" 1900, 12a		.12
" 1900, 24a		.25
" 1900, 64a		.60
Federated Malay States,	1900, 1c	.02
" " "	1900, 3c	.04
Uruguay, 1900, 5m orange		.02
" 1900, 7c carmine		.15
" 1900, 20c pale blue		.40

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JULY BARGAINS.

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Austria, Unpaid Letter Stamps, 1900, perforated, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10h, the set,		.15
" " " " " " 12, 15, 20h, "		.20
" " " " " " 40h,		.18
" " " " " " 100h,		.40
" " " " " imperforate, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10h, the set,		.30
" " " " " " 12, 15, 20h, "		.30
" " " " " " 40h,		.30
" " " " " " 100h,		.75
Dominican Republic, 1900, 20c,		.40
" 1900, 50c,		.90
" 1900, 1 peso,		1.75
" 1900, 2 pesos,		3.50
" 1900, 1 peso, imperforate,		5.00
Guatemala, 1900, 1c,		.02
" 1900, 6c,		.05
Labuan, 1899, 4c yellow brown and black,		.06
" 1900, 4c carmine and black,		.05
New Caledonia, 1900, 5c on 4c,		.10
" 1900, 15c on 30c,		.15
Niger Coast Protectorate, wmkd. Crown and C. A., 1s black,		.50
North Borneo, 1899, 4c green and black,		.06
" 1900, 4c carmine and black,		.05
" 1900, 2c green,		.03
Orange Free State, surcharged V. R. I., ½p orange,		.10
" " 1p violet,		.18
" " 2p violet,		.25
" " 3p blue,		.60
" " 6p blue,		1.00
Straits Settlements, 1900, 4c carmine,		.05
Venezuela, Miranda Issue, 5, 10, 25c,	the set,	.10
" " 5, 10, 25, 50c, 1 bol.,	"	.65

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AUGUST BARGAINS.

ALL UNUSED.

Belgium, 1900, 1fr	.35
" 1900, 2fr	.70
China, 1900, 5c orange	.06
Congo Free State, 1900, 5c	.03
" " " 1900, 10c	.05
" " " 1900, 25c	.10
" " " 1900, 50c	.18
Crete, 1900, 50l, black surcharge	.20
Danish West Indies, 1900, 1c	.03
" " " 1900, 5c	.10
France, Levant, Cavalle, 5c yellow green	.03
" " Dedeagh, 5c yellow green	.03
French Congo, 1900, 1c obsolete	.02
" " 1900, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10c the set	.12
" " 1900, 15, 20, 25c "	.20
" " 1900, 30, 40, 50c "	.40
" " 1900, 1fr	.35
" " 1900, 2fr	.70
" " 1900, 5fr	1.65
French Offices in Alexandria, 2fr	.70
Germany, 1900, 2 marks	.80
German South West Africa, 50pf	.30
Great Britain, 1900, 1sh	.40
Grenada, 1899, 2p	.08
Guatemala, 1900, 2c	.02
" 1900, 10c	.10
" 1900, 20c	.18
" 1900, 25c	.20
New Zealand, perf. 11, local print, 2½p	.10
" " " " " 3p	.12
" " " " " 5p	.20
" " " " " 6p	.25
" " " " " 8p	.30
" " " " " 9p	.35
" " " " " 1sh	.45
" " " " " 2sh	.90
" " " " " 5sh	2.00
Samoa, 2½p on 2sh 6p	.20
Sarawak, 20c	.20
Federated Malay States, on Negri Sembilan, 50c	.50
" " " " Perak, $1.00	1.00
Switzerland, Jubilee, 5c	.03
" " 10c	.05
" " 25c	.10
Venezuela, surcharged Resellada & R. T. M., 5c gray	.03
" " " " 10c green	.05
" " " " 25c blue	.10
" " " " 50c orange	.20
" " " " 1b red violet	.40
" " " " 3b red	1.10
" " " " 10b dark violet	3.50
" " " " 20b red brown	6.50
" surcharged "1900" 3b red brown	1.10
" " " 10b red	3.50
" " " 20b violet	6.50

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SEPTEMBER BARGAINS.

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United States, Western Union, 1900,	.05
British Honduras, surcharged "Revenue", 10c lilac and green,	.18
Dutch Indies, surcharged on Netherlands, 10c on 10c gray lilac,	.08
" " 12½c on 12½c blue,	.10
" " 15c on 15c yellow brown,	.12
" " 20c on 20c yellow green,	.15
" " 25c on 25c carmine and blue,	.20
" " 50c on 50c bronze green and red brown,	.40
Fernando Po, 1900, 5c on 20c maroon,	.25
" " 50c on 20c maroon,	.50
Guatemala, 1900, 5c light blue,	.05
Seychelles, 1900, 6c rose,	.05
" " 25c blue,	.10
" " 75c,	.45
" " 1r 50c,	.90
" " 2r 25c,	1.35
Perak, 1900, 4c lilac and carmine,	.05
" " 1c on 2c lilac and brown,	.05
Federated Malay States, on Negri Sembilan, 20c green and olive,	.20

Special Offer in Porto Rico.

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SURCHARGED "HABILITADO, 1898 y 99."

*½m lilac brown,	.30
* 2m flesh,	.60
* 1c claret,	.03
3c dark blue	.40
* 3c claret brown,	.15
* 4c brown,	.12
* 5c yellow green,	.15
* 5c blue,	.20
* 6c orange,	.50
* 6c lilac,	.12
* 8c rose, violet surcharge,	.18
*20c olive gray,	.30
*40c salmon,	.50
*80c black,	1.50

SURCHARGED "IMPUESTO DE GUERRA."

* 2c dark violet,	.10
* 2c lilac	.10
* 2c red brown,	.08
* 2c on 2m flesh,	.05
* 5c on ½m chocolate,	.20
* 5c on 1m violet,	.05
* 5c on 1m blue, violet surcharge,	.05
* 5c on 1m blue, red surcharge,	1.00
* 5c blue green,	.10
* 5c on 5c yellow green,	.50

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OCTOBER BARGAINS.

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Bolivia, 1899, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c, 1b,	the set, $1.00
*British Central Africa, 10s,	4.00
*Chili, Envelope, 15c,	.15
* " " 20c,	.20
* " Wrapper, 2c,	.03
* " " 20c,	.20
* " Letter sheet, 5c,	.06
*Federated Malay States, 10c on Perak,	.10
*Fernando Po, 1899, 3c,	.15
* " " " 4c,	.20
* " " " 15c,	.40
* " " " 20c,	.60
*French Offices in Zanzibar, 20 annas on 2fr,	.80
*German Empire, 3 marks,	1.20
*Guam, 1c,	.04
* " 2c,	.06
* " 5c,	.15
*Hong Kong, 2c green,	.03
*Norway, perf. 13½x14½, 1ö,	.02
* " " 3ö,	.03
* " " 5ö,	.03
* " " 10ö,	.05
* " " 20ö,	.10
* " " 35ö,	.15
*Rhodesia, 1900, 4d,	.15
*Venezuela, "Instrucciones," Surcharged "1900"; 5c,	.03
* " " " " 10c,	.05
* " " " " 25c,	.10
* " " " " 50c,	.20
* " " " 1b,	.40
* " "Correos", " 50c,	.20
* " " " 1b,	.40
* " Surcharged "Resellada—Castro—1900," 5c,	.03
* " " " 10c,	.05
* " " " 25c,	.10

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NOVEMBER BARGAINS.

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British Guiana, 1900, 2c lilac & rose		.04
Dominican Republic, 1900, ¼, ½, 1, 2, 5c	the set,	.18
" " 1900, ¼, ½, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c	"	.65
" " 1900, ¼c to 1peso	"	2.85
French Offices in Morocco, 1900, 5c yellow green		.03
German Empire, 1900, 2pf slate		.02
Gold Coast, 1900, 10sh green & brown		3.75
Greece, 1900, Provisional, 5ol on 4ol rose, 1876		.25
" 1900 " 3ol on 4ol violet, 1880-82		.15
" 1900 " 4ol on 2ol bistre "		.20
" 1900 " 2ol on 25l blue, 1888-92, imperf.		.10
" 1900 " 2ol on 25l " " perf.		.10
" 1900 " 1dr on 4ol violet " imperf.		.40
" 1900 " 2dr on 4ol " " perf.		.75
Hong Kong, Envelopes, 1900, 2c on white		.03
" " " 4c on white or blue		.05
" " " 5c " " "		.08
" " " 10c " " "		.12
" Registration Envelope, 1900, 10c		.15
Italian Offices in the Levant, 1 pia on 25c		.10
Japan, 1900, 1½ sen		.03
Orange River Colony, 1900, on 2½d Cape of Good Hope		.15
Orcha, 1900, ½, 1, 2, 4 annas	the set,	.32
Paraguay, 1900, 5c		.04
" " 10c		.08
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